S.T.D Facility in Towns of Buldana District, Maharashtra

1657. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide STD facility in towns of Buldana district in Maharashtra, espec ially in Malkapur during the year 1992; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). (i) STD facility is already available at Khamgaon. STD to Buldana is planned to be commissioned on 30.11.91.

(ii) Malkapur is planned to be provided STD facility during 1992-93.

(iii) All other towns in Buldana district are planned to be provided STD facility during 8th Plan.

Fax Service at Bilaspur and Una in Himachal Pradesh

1658. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of providing FAX service at Bilaspur and Una in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The service will be provided during 1992 at the Telegraph Offices.

(c) Not applicable.

[*Translation*]

Provision of 'Micro-Wave' System in Police Communications

1659. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide 'Micro-wage system facility of communication to the Police Forces in the States to make the forces more effective; and

(b) if so, the time by when this system is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). There is already a programme to have wireless communication links at the state, district and police station levels under the scheme of the modernisation of State police forces. Financial assistance is provided to the State governments for procuring communication equipments.

Creation of Indian Broadcasting Services

1660. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a demand for the creation of Indian Broadcasting Services;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any action in this regard so far; and